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SUBJECT: NPG - 18 JUNE STAFF GROUP MEETING

VIENNA PASS USDEL MBFR

REF: (A) USNATO 2923; (B) NPG/ D(73)5; (C) ANKARA 3845

BEGIN SUMMARY: NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) AT 18 JUNE CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF DATES OF FALL MINISTERIAL MEETING AND HELD AN INITIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SHAPE' S REPORT ON OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND DOCTRINE (REF (B)). FRG, RESPONDING TO PARA 3 OF ANKARA MINUTE (REF (C)), STATED THAT ASSESSMENTS OF THE IMPACT ON NATO DEFENSE OF SALT II AND THE POSSIBLE NUCLEAR IMPLICATIONS OF MBFR BE HANDLED IN THE NORMAL SALT II AND MBFR FORA IN NATO AND NOT RPT NOT THE NPG. SG WILL MEET NEXT ON 25 JUNE. END SUMMARY.

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1. DATES OF FALL MEETING. FRG REP (HOFSTETTER) STATED THAT 6-7 NOVEMBER WERE ONLY DATES ACCEPTABLE TO FRB (REF (A)). ITALIAN REP (CALIGO) NOTED THAT 6-7 NOVEMBER CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR ITALY SINCE THE YUGOSLAV MILITARY CHIEF OF STAFF WAS

SCHEDULED TO PAY A RECIPROCAL VISIT TO ROME ON THOSE DATES.
CALIGO AGREED TO FORWARD TO ROME THE AGREEMENT OF ALL OTHER
DELS, EXCEPT THE US WHICH WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, ON THE
DATES OF 6-7 NOVEMBER. DISCUSSION OF DATES WILL CONTINUE
ON 25 JUNE.

2. OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND DOCTRINE. ALL SG REPS WHO SPOKE
WELCOMED SHAPE REPORT ON CURRENT OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND DOCTRINE
FOR THE TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ACE (REF (B)). UK
REP (STEWART) NOTED THAT PAPER WAS BASICALLY A POSITION PAPER
AND DID NOT REQUIRE FOLLOW- UP ACTION, HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT
DR. KISSINGER' S SPEECH AND DR. SCHLESINGER' S MAJOR INTERVENTION
AT THE DPC MINISTERIAL HAD PUT NATO ON NOTICE THAT NATO WOULD
HAVE TO LOOK AT NEW WAYS OF LOOKING AT ITS NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.
HE SAID HE WAS LOOKING FOR A PROPOSAL FROM THE US AND THAT THE
SHAPE PAPER WOULD BE A BACKGROUND AGAINST WHICH THE PROPOSAL
MIGHT BE REVIEWED.

3. SEVERAL SG REPS RAISED ISSUES ON SHAPE PAPER FOR FUTURE
DISCUSSION AND INCLUSION IN PERMREP REPORT TO MINISTERS ON THE
PAPER. BELGIAN, CANADIAN, NETHERLANDS AND UK REPS POINTED
OUT, IN RELATION TO REF (B) PARA 23 (B), THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS,
AS WELL AS MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS COULD REQUEST RELEASE OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM THE NUCLEAR POWERS. UK REP, ON PARA 27
(C) OF REF (B), QUESTIONED HOW SHAPE WOULD USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS
TO DISLODGE AN ENEMY FROM NATO TERRITORY. UK REP ALSO NOTED
REFERENCE IN PARA 34 (REF (B)) TO RESERVATION OF DUAL CAPABLE
AIRCRAFT FOR SACEUR' S STRIKE PLANS, AND RECALLED THE DEBATE ON
THE SUBJECT DURING THE DRAFTING OF THE " CONCEPT FOR THE ROLE
OF THEATER NUCLEAR STRIKE FORCES IN ACE" (DPC/ D(70)59).

4. SALT II AND MBFR. FRG REP (HOFSETTER) STATED, ON INSTRUCTIONS,
THAT ASSESSMENTS OF THE IMPACT ON NATO DEFENSE OF SALT II AND THE
POSSIBLE NUCLEAR IMPLICATIONS OF MBFR SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE
NORMAL SALT II AND MBFR FORA IN NATO AND NOT IN THE NPG.
THERE WERE NO COMMENTS BY OTHER SG REPS ON THE SUBJECT.

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5. NEXT SG MEETING. SG WILL MEET NEXT ON 25 JUNE TO MAKE FINAL
DECISION ON DATES OF FALL NPG MINISTERIAL. SG WILL ALSO BEGIN
DISCUSSION ON IS DRAFT PERMREP REPORT ON ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR
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